

## General regulations governing entry and transportation of firearms and fishing tackle in Canada

Revolvers, pistols and fully automatic firearms are prohibited. Fifty rounds of ammunition per person are admitted duty free. Federal Customs regulations permit the entry into Canada of rifles and shotguns (other than fully automatic) and fishing tackle, without special permit. The visitor must provide Customs with a description of such equipment and serial numbers of guns so that the articles may be readily cleared upon their return. Such permission does not give the right to hunt or fish. There are specific laws in all provinces which must be observed. Non-resident licences are required for each province or territory where the visitor plans to hunt or fish.

The following provincial laws must be observed when rifles and shotguns are carried in transit or during closed seasons on game:

**Newfoundland** - Rifles and shotguns must be properly encased or broken down and remain stowed in the car at all times.

**Prince Edward Island** - Rifles and shotguns must be properly encased or broken down and remain stowed in the car at all times.

**Nova Scotia** - Rifles and shotguns must be properly encased or broken down and remain stowed in the car at all times. Non-resident hunters must be accompanied by a licenced guide.

**New Brunswick** - Rifles and shotguns must be properly encased or broken down and remain stowed in the car at all times.

**Quebec** - Sporting firearms, standard or auto-loading, may be admitted at Customs upon report on Form E-29-b or E-50, as the case may be, when they are to be used only for sporting purposes. Fifty rounds of ammunition may also be brought into Canada by non-residents without the payment of duty and taxes. The firearms, of course, are required to be exported when the tourist leaves Canada. The usual hunting licence must be obtained from the Province of Quebec authorities. Pistols, revolvers (fully automatic, auto-loading or single shot), including air pistols, are prohibited importation into Canada by non-residents except when the weapons will be used by the importers to attend authorized revolver or pistol shoots.

**Ontario** - While engaged in hunting or trapping game or while going to or returning from a hunting camp or locality that game inhabits or where game is usually found, it is unlawful to have a loaded air gun or firearm in or on, or discharge the same from an aircraft or vehicle or discharge an air gun or firearm from or across the travelled portion of any highway or public road. Except for limited use in hunting migratory birds, it is unlawful to possess or discharge a loaded air gun or firearm from a power boat. It is illegal to have an air gun or firearm in a locality that game usually inhabits or in which game is usually found between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise, unless it is unloaded and encased. The possession of a firearm in a place which game inhabits is *prima facie* proof that the person in possession is hunting. It is essential to have a hunting licence but no licences are available for non-residents from July 1st to August 31st.

**Manitoba** - A non-resident may have firearms or fishing tackle in his possession while in transit in Manitoba either by private car or public conveyance without need of a licence or seal. Rifles and shotguns must be properly encased or broken down and remain stowed in the car at all times. It is prohibited to have in or on a motor vehicle any firearm in which there is a live bullet, cartridge in the magazine or firing chamber, or to discharge a firearm on or across a public road or highway.

**Saskatchewan** - A non-resident may have firearms or fishing tackle in his possession while in transit in Saskatchewan either by private car or public conveyance without need of a licence or seal. Rifles and shotguns should be properly encased or broken down and remain stowed in the car at all times. It is prohibited to have in or on a motor vehicle any firearm in which there is a live bullet, cartridge in the magazine or firing chamber or to discharge a firearm on or across a public road or highway.

**Alberta** - A resident or non-resident must have a licence to hunt or fish. A non-resident may have firearms or fishing tackle in his possession while in transit in Alberta either by private car or public conveyance without need of a licence or seal. Pump shotgun magazines must be permanently plugged in order that only three rounds, including the breach round, can be loaded at one time. It is prohibited to have in or on a motor vehicle any firearms in which there is a live bullet, or cartridge in the magazine or firing chamber, or to discharge a firearm on or across a public road or highway.

**British Columbia** - A resident or non-resident must have a licence to hunt or fish. A non-resident may have firearms or fishing tackle in his possession while in transit in British Columbia either by private car or public conveyance without need of a licence or seal. Pump shotgun magazines must be permanently plugged in order that only three rounds, including the breach round, can be loaded at one time. It is prohibited to have in or on a motor vehicle any firearms in which there is a live bullet or cartridge in the magazine or firing chamber. All non-residents must be accompanied by a licenced guide when in pursuit of big game.

**Yukon** - A non-resident person, not being the holder of a valid subsisting hunting licence issued under the Game Ordinance or having other lawful occasion, shall keep all firearms securely stowed in the motor vehicle or trailer, boat or aircraft used by him or under his control while in transit through the Yukon Territory and shall not remove the said fire-

arms from such stowage while in the Yukon Territory except upon the direction of a game guardian, peace officer or customs officer.

A resident or non-resident must have a licence to fish. Licences, regulations and fishing information can be obtained from licence agents situated at all centres throughout the Yukon Territory.

**Northwest Territories** - Rifles or shotguns may be carried for emergency purposes by non-residents travelling in wilderness areas during closed seasons.

**Provincial Parks** - Upon entering Provincial Parks firearms must be sealed by park officers.

**National Parks** - Any person entering a National Park must have firearms, or any device for capturing or destroying game, in his possession sealed by the park superintendent, a park warden or park officer. An exception is made in the case of a person travelling by motor vehicle through Elk Island, Fundy, Prince Edward Island, Cape Breton Highlands, Glacier, Mount Revelstoke or Terra Nova National Park during the hunting season in the province where the park is located, if all firearms and devices in his possession are kept within the vehicle and are unloaded and dismantled.



**IMPORTANT:** It is illegal at all times to carry loaded firearms in vehicles. It is illegal to carry or use firearms in any place frequented by game except under the authority of a licence. Special customs regulations apply to persons travelling through Canada to Alaska carrying revolvers or pistols. Complete information on travel over the Alaska Highway may be obtained from the Canadian Government Travel Bureau, Ottawa, Canada. Canadian Highways are well policed and it is unnecessary to carry firearms for protection.

The regulations governing hunting and angling in Canada vary in different provinces and there are no uniform regulations covering Canada as a whole. Sportsmen planning a visit may obtain a copy of current regulations of the provinces they intend to visit.

Information regarding regulations, licences, fishing conditions, and game species in each province may be obtained from the following:

Newfoundland	Department of Mines, Agriculture and Resources, St. John's
Prince Edward Island	Department of Industry and Natural Resources, Charlottetown
Nova Scotia	Department of Lands and Forests, Halifax
New Brunswick	New Brunswick Travel Bureau, Fredericton
Quebec	Department of Tourism, Fish and Game, Quebec City
Ontario	Department of Lands and Forests, Toronto
Manitoba	Department of Mines and Natural Resources, Winnipeg
Saskatchewan	Tourist Development Branch, Saskatchewan Power Building, Regina, Sask.
Alberta	Department of Lands and Forests, Edmonton
British Columbia	Fish and Game Branch, Victoria, B.C.
Yukon	Director of Game, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory
Northwest Territories	Northwest Territories Tourist Office, 400 Laurier Ave. West, Ottawa 4, Ont.
National Parks of Canada	Canadian Government Travel Bureau Ottawa, Canada

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